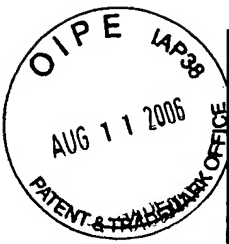
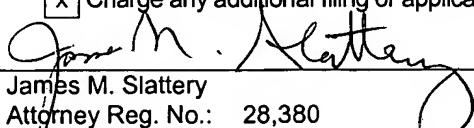


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Invention: CIGARETTE FILTER					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 11, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims and

Remarks